

COUNCIL ON MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS  
MINUTES  
January 18, 2007

This meeting was held at the headquarters building of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Office of the Secretary.

**In Attendance:**

Council Members

K. W. Prunty, Undersecretary, CDCR (for James E. Tilton, Chairperson)  
James Rostron, Chief, Forensic Branch, Department of Mental Health  
(for Stephen W. Mayberg, Vice-Chairperson)  
Wendy Lindley, Judge, Orange County Superior Court  
Jo Robinson, M.F.T., Assistant Director, San Francisco Jail Psychiatric Services  
Dave Lehman, Chief Probation Officer (Retired), Humboldt County  
Duane E. McWaine, M.D., Medical Director, DHCMHC, Los Angeles  
David Meyer, J.D., USC Institute of Psychiatry, Law, and Behavioral Science  
Charles L. Walters, Ph.D., Assistant Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff  
James W. Sweeney, Legislative Advocate, California State NAACP, Sacramento

Support Staff

Bruce Slavin, General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, CDCR  
Allan Lammers, Executive Officer  
Patricia Mook, Executive Assistant, Office of Facilities Management, CDCR

Interested Parties

Aaron Carruthers, Office of State Senator Darrell Steinberg, Sacramento  
Lynda Frost, Corrections Standard Authority, Field Representative, Sacramento  
Helene Zentner, Corrections Standard Authority, Consultant, Sacramento  
Darc Keller, Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Care Policy, CDCR  
Chris Geiger, Director of Development, Sharper Future, Inc., Statewide Services  
Robert Storms, Staff Services Manager I, Division of Adult Parole Operations, CDCR  
Jill Dubbs, Staff Services Manager II, Division of Adult Parole Operations, CDCR  
Goldie Parino, Associate Governmental Program Analyst,  
Division of Adult Parole Operations, CDCR  
Dennis Beaty, Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, CDCR  
Elizabeth Stoltz, State Business Director, Ortho-McNeil & Janssen, Chandler, Arizona  
Karen Moen, Collaborative Justice Project, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Lori Rifkin, Attorney, Rosen, Bien, and Galvan

**Absent:**

Council Members James E. Tilton, Chairperson; Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., Vice-Chairperson

A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by K. W. Prunty, Undersecretary, CDCR, who was acting on behalf of the Chairperson, James E. Tilton.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 - Opening Comments/Previous Meeting Minutes**

Acting Chairperson, K. W. Prunty, welcomed all in attendance; introductions were made.

Allan Lammers, Executive Officer, briefly talked about the upcoming Forensic Mental Health Association of California Conference to be held March 14-16, 2007. The March 14 COMIO meeting is to be held in conjunction with the conference.

The 2007 COMIO meeting schedule was discussed, noting that the July 19 and November 15 meetings will be held at the California Department of Mental Health in Sacramento.

There were no changes noted to the minutes of November 29, 2006; therefore, a motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the meeting, held at the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD), Katella Training Facility, be approved. The motion was passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2 - Fifth Annual COMIO Report to the Legislature**

The draft of the COMIO Fifth Annual Report to the Legislature was discussed by the Council. The following changes were noted:

1. On page 6, the third bullet regarding a review of current space requirements in jails and juvenile hall facilities; Secretary Tilton recommends that the Executive Officer, Allan Lammers, talk to C. Scott Harris, Executive Director, Corrections Standard Authority (CSA), to find out from him what is doable this year without additional funds. After discussion with Mr. Harris, information will be provided to the Council members for their input.
2. On page 6, the fourth bullet, remove the phrase (CD available upon request), and remove the picture and the last sentence of the fourth bullet.
3. On page 7, the Future Council Meetings for 2007, changes will be made to reflect the locations of the July 19 and November 15 meetings.

A motion was made and second to approve the draft legislative report based on modifications/changes discussed. The motion was passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3 – Legislative Updates**

The Council discussed draft legislation to establish Mental Health Courts in 58 counties of the State. Criteria for participation in Mental Health Courts were addressed. Proposition 63 and funding sources were issues. Aaron Carruthers, from the office of Senator Darrel Steinberg, will work with the Council to further develop this legislation.

The Council discussed Assembly Bill 76, introduced by Assembly Member Lieber, regarding female inmates. This item was submitted as information only as it is not mentally-ill focused.

#### **Agenda Items 4, 5, and 6 – Previously Discussed Topics**

##### **Website**

Council Member Charles Walters presented the work he and the OCSD had been working on regarding the design and development of a website that would pull together links to other workgroups/agencies, basic information on programs, and legislation pertaining to mentally-ill offenders. Further development regarding logo, what agency will be the hosting server, licensing fees, contents, and rights need to be addressed. OCSD is willing to assist in the development of a COMIO website

A motion was made and seconded that OCSD will forward the information they have developed to CDCR Sacramento. The motion was passed.

##### **Letter to Counties/Best Practices**

Council Member Dr. Duane McWaine, presented his draft letter to the counties. The Council discussed the draft and recommended limiting the letter to one page and adding an accompanying survey so all counties are given the same format to respond to.

##### **Transitioning to Parole**

A presentation was made by Robert Storms, Division of Adult Parole Operations, CDCR, in which he updated the Council on agreements CDCR will be finalizing with Department of Health

Services, Social Security Administration, and Veterans Affairs, where parolees would be able to submit applications for benefits, prior to parole, for predetermination without an address on file (upon parole is when the address will need to be established). All California prisons, with the exception of California State Prison, San Quentin, will be processing applications and will be working with the community for continuum of care.

**Agenda Items 7, 8, and 9 – Work Groups**

The Works Groups for Re-Entry, Assessment/Screening, and the Role of Courts were to convene after the meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 10 - The New Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant Program**

Presenter: Lynda Frost

A brief overview of the New MIOCR grant process was provided to Council Members. The CSA was given the authority, through enabling legislation, to award MIOCR grants on a competitive basis. After the results of the proposal and evaluation process, 44 MICOR grants were awarded; 22 for projects targeting adult mentally-ill offenders and 22 for projects targeting juvenile mentally-ill offenders. The projects will be implemented in small, medium, and large counties.

Information regarding MIOCR grants may also be viewed at the CDCR website: [www.cdcr.ca.gov](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov), under the CSA link.

**AGENDA ITEM 11 – New Business/Announcements/Discussion**

The next COMIO meeting will be held on March 14 in Seaside, California.

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – Adjournment**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED AND SUBMITTED BY:

Patricia Mook, Executive Assistant, CDCR